

**For Immediate Release**  
**December 27, 2012****NR 123-12-G**  
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**1-916-327-8988****Reminder: Statewide Sales and Use Tax Rate Increases January 1, 2013**  
**New Sales and Use Tax Rate to Be In Effect for Four Years**

**Sacramento** – The statewide sales and use tax rate will increase one quarter of one percent (0.25%) from 7.25 percent to 7.50 percent on January 1, 2013. This rate increase was approved by California voters when they approved Proposition 30 on November 6, 2012.

Among other things, Proposition 30 increases the statewide sales and use tax rate for four years—January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2016.

Across California, the sales and use tax rate will range from 7.50 percent to 10.00 percent because in some cities and counties, voter-approved district taxes are added to the statewide base rate.

California sales tax generally applies to retail sales of goods and merchandise except those sales specifically exempted by law.

“Use Tax” is the same rate as the sales tax and generally applies to the storage, use, or other consumption in California of goods purchased from retailers in transactions not subject to the sales tax. Use tax may also apply to purchases shipped to California consumers from other states, including purchases by mail order, telephone, or Internet.

The sales and use tax rate increase does not apply to purchases of gasoline. However, the sales and use tax rate increase does apply to purchases of diesel fuel.

For updates on the latest changes, retailers should check the BOE website, [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov), or call the BOE Taxpayer Information Section at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time).

For more details:

- [Sales and Use Tax Rate Increases January 1, 2013](#)

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE SALES & USE TAX RATE**

Rate	Jurisdiction	Purpose
3.6875%	State	State General Fund
0.25%	State	State General Fund
0.25%	State	State's Fiscal Recovery Fund (2004 Economic Recovery Bonds)
0.50%	State	Local Public Safety Fund (1993)
0.50%	State	Local Revenue Fund (Health and Social Services)
1.0625%	State	Local Revenue Fund 2011 (Public Safety)
0.25%	State	Initiative Constitutional Amendment (Proposition 30)
0.25%	Local	0.25% County Transportation Funds
0.75%	Local	City or County Operations
<b>7.50%</b>	<b>State/Local</b>	<b>Total Statewide Base Sales and Use Tax Rate on January 1, 2013</b>

- [California City & County Sales & Use Tax Rates \(effective January 1, 2013\)](#) *Note: This list will change when other voter-approved district taxes take effect April 1, 2013.*
- [Proposition 30](#)

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The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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